

2019 RYS Minor League Rules

Field Size: 70 ft bases, 50 ft pitching rubber

Game Length: 2 Hours or 7 innings.
A game is considered complete after four (4) innings unless the home team is ahead after 3 ½ innings

Slaughter Rule: Maximum of 5 runs per inning, except for the last inning. The umpire will declare the last inning before it starts. After 4 innings, if one team is leading by 10 or more runs, the game is over (3 ½ if the home team is leading).

Pre-Game: Each team is allowed 5 minutes of infield practice before the game. Please stay out of batter’s box. Umpires shall read the “Checklist of Rules” on the score sheet and have each head coach sign it.

Pitching: Pitchers are allowed 9 total outs in any combination the coach chooses.
However, the pitcher can only re-enter the game (as a pitcher) one time.
No balks are called.
4 warm-up pitches for new pitchers; 2 warm-up pitches for returning pitchers

Bats: See the Bat Rules document.

Base Running: A team that is ahead by 10 or more runs cannot steal any longer, unless the difference in score drops below 10 runs. The ball is live until the umpire declares the play as over (time out).

Sliding at home is only required when there is a potential play at the plate.
Stealing is allowed after the ball crosses home plate.

No leading off.
No dropped 3rd Strike.
No Infield Fly Rule.

Stealing home is allowed. The only instance when a runner on third cannot steal home is when there are runners on first and third, and the runner on first is stealing second base. If the catcher overthrows second base or any error is made at the base, the runner on third still cannot come home. The catcher must also keep the ball in front of them, by either catching the ball or blocking it so that it drops near their feet. If the pitch results in a passed ball or a wild pitch (the ball gets past the catcher and near the backstop), the runner on third is allowed to steal home. The umpire will make the call on whether the pitch is considered a passed ball / wild pitch or not. If the umpire rules the pitch not a passed ball, and the runner on third attempts to steal home, they will be sent back to third base with no penalty.

Injury: If a player is unable to bat due to injury, no penalty will be incurred when they player is up to bat, unless that drops the lineup to 8 batters. Then that lineup spot will be considered an out.

Pitch Counts: RYS does not enforce pitch count limits.
However, it is strongly encouraged that you monitor the pitch counts of your pitchers.
Below is the general guideline for pitches per day and how much rest is required.

Age	Daily Max Pitches	Recommended Rest Period				
		0 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days
11-12	85 pitches	1-20 pitches	21-35 pitches	36-50 pitches	51-65 pitches	66+ pitches